

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended.) An adjustable stand comprising:

a. — a leg;

b. — a first tubular member secured to said leg, said first member having a rectangular cross-section and an upper end and a lower end;

c. — a second tubular member having a rectangular cross-section and configured to nest telescopically within the first tubular member and being adjustably secured to said first member, said second member having an interior wall defining a cylindrical void and having an axis, an upper end, and a lower end, the upper end of said second member extending above the upper end of said first member in nested arrangement;

d. — ~~a support member for holding items on the stand, said support member secured to the upper end of said second member~~ a threaded shaft having a shaft axis and situated within the void and such that the shaft axis extends along the axis;

e. — ~~a first fine adjustment mechanism comprising a nut in threaded engagement with the threaded shaft, the nut configured to bear against the upper end of the second member coupled between said first member and said second member, movement of said first adjustment mechanism shifting the position of said second member relative to said first member thereby raising or lowering said support member; and~~

f. — a retaining pin passing through the shaft intersecting the shaft axis perpendicular thereto and configured to bear against the interior wall in a manner to prevent rotation of the shaft within the void ~~a retention member secured between said first member and said second member, said retention member securing said first member to said second member, while allowing at least limited relative movement therebetween.~~

2. (Currently amended.).-The adjustable stand of Claim 1, wherein ~~said retention member~~ shaft further comprises a biasing member arranged in opposed relation to the nut

relative to the second tubular member, and configured to urge the nut into bearing arrangement against the upper end of the second tubular member.

3. (Currently Amended.) The adjustable stand of Claim 12, wherein said first tubular member further comprises ~~a first tubular member, the stand further comprising a second tubular member which said first tubular member is slidably engaged, said~~ a hinge including a plurality of pivot pins, each pivot pin being configured to pivotally engage a leg, the legs together being configured to provide a stable base to the adjustable stand~~attached to said second tubular member.~~

4. (Currently Amended.) The adjustable stand of Claim 3, further comprising a course adjustment mechanism coupled between said first and second tubular members, said course adjustment mechanism configured to selectively locking the position of said first tubular member relative to the ~~and second tubular members relative to each other.~~

5. (Currently Amended.) The adjustable stand of Claim 4, wherein said course adjustment mechanism comprises a screw rotatably secured to said ~~second~~ first tubular member, said screw having an end selectively bearing against said ~~first~~ second tubular member.

6. (Original.) The adjustable stand of Claim 5, wherein said course adjustment mechanism further comprises a friction pad between said first and second tubular members opposite said screw.

7. (Currently amended.) The adjustable stand of Claim 1, wherein said ~~first member~~ comprises a first tubular member and, the stand further comprising a second tubular member into which said first tubular member is slidably engaged, said leg being attached to said second tubular member have square cross-sections.

8. (Currently amended.) The adjustable stand of Claim 7, wherein ~~said second member~~ comprises a shaft partially held within said first tubular member the shaft has a supporting member in opposed relation to the biasing member relative to the nut.

9. (Currently amended.) The adjustable stand of Claim 8, wherein the supporting member is a tray at least a portion of said shaft is threaded, and wherein said first adjustment mechanism comprises a nut threaded on said shaft and bearing against a portion of said first tubular member.

10. (Currently amended.) The adjustable stand of Claim 98, wherein the supporting member is an outfeed roller assembly further comprising an anti-rotation lock secured to said shaft and coupled to said first tubular member.

11. (Currently amended.) The adjustable stand of Claim 108, wherein the supporting member is a bearing table said first tubular member is non-circular in cross section and wherein said lock comprises a pin extending transversely through said shaft.

12. (~~Original~~Currently amended.) The adjustable stand of Claim 1, wherein the nut is a wingnut~~further comprising a course adjustment mechanism coupled between said first and second members, said course adjustment mechanism selectively locking the position of said first and second members relative to each other.~~

13. The adjustable stand of Claim 12, wherein the wingnut includes at least four wings~~said leg is pivotally secured to said first member.~~

14. through 23 (Cancelled.)

24. (Withdrawn.) A method of operating a work stand comprising:

a. providing a stand having legs, an upright tubular member held between the legs, and a shaft held within and extending above the tubular member with a support secured to the top of said shaft;

b. placing lower ends of the legs on a surface, the tubular member being held substantially upright;

c. biasing the shaft downwardly relative to the tubular member; and

d. adjusting the position of the shaft relative to the tubular member with an adjustment mechanism coupled to the shaft and to the tubular member.

25. (Withdrawn.) The method of Claim 24, wherein said stand is further provided with a course adjustment mechanism between the legs and the upright tubular member, the method further comprising the step of adjusting the course adjustment mechanism to change the position of said upright tubular member relative to the legs.

26. (Withdrawn.) The method of Claim 25, further comprising the step of stopping the rotation of the shaft while adjusting the position of the shaft relative to the tubular member, said step of stopping rotation carried out with an anti-rotation pin held by the shaft and bearing against the upright tubular member.